

H. SPEECHES DCL

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraphs 5, 6, and 7.
2. Murray Snyder spent some 2 hours and 15 minutes fly-specking your speech. He thinks it is a superior effort and that it will do a great deal to help the Defense Department. He asked that I furnish him with 40 copies tomorrow whenever they are ready for distribution so that both civilian and military speakers of the Defense Department will be furnished copies and advised to "quote Allen Dulles" in answering questions on intelligence estimates, etc.
3. He told me that Defense is working on a statement that the President might use at his news conference tomorrow. Snyder said the President will hold a news conference tomorrow rather than Wednesday. A public announcement of this has not yet been made. Snyder believes that Gates today in open testimony will clarify his position to a good degree. It is Snyder's opinion that Gates should clear up his own statement of last week. The political aspects of the problem, however, particularly Senator Johnson's picking up the statement and using it for political purposes might be something the President should answer. He asked my opinion. I told him I hoped the President would state without qualification that any civilian or military officer who is influenced by domestic politics in reaching intelligence or military decisions that affect the security of the US should be fired forthwith by the President.
4. On your particular speech Snyder had comments regarding Pages 16, 19, and 29.
5. On Page 16, Line 3, he recommends that you omit "cultural groups" as among the visitors to Russia from whom we gain a better knowledge of the USSR.

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He believes this is a peg with which the Russians could do some anti-US propaganda by saying that "Allen Dulles said cultural groups are used for espionage." I would recommend that you delete Line 3, Page 16.

6. On Page 19, Line 10 it is stated "We in intelligence are not experts on American weapons." Snyder points out that in the very next sentence we do have some knowledge of American weaponry that we use as guides in judging the capabilities of other nations. He believes your disclaimer is too complete. He thinks it might be more accurate if you said "We are not expected to be experts on American weapons" or some other such thought. Here, too, I believe that he has a point worthy of this slight change.

7. On Page 29 at the bottom of the page, the last sentence reads "There are also other instances where the intelligence was properly reported but not heeded." He takes this to mean Pearl Harbor, but it could mean other instances. He wonders if you shouldn't make a distinction between Pearl Harbor and some other illustration. I have no recommendation here.

8. Snyder was particularly pleased with Page 10, especially where you state that "intelligence should not be publicized." He thought everything you say on Page 10 will have a very good influence with people in the Defense Department. He showed me a copy of Saturday's NEW YORK TIMES where Hanson Baldwin has a story which contains classified information that could have come from Convair, from SAC, or from the Air Force and maybe it should be made public Snyder said, but the decision should not have been Baldwin's and the information should not have been given to him either by industry or by the military or by anybody else who had that information.

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